

February 2018 – Los Angeles ACA Intergroup Meeting on 2/4/18

In attendance: Ashok, Crystal, Guy, Libby, Patriciaa, Rose, Stephen,
Opened with Serenity Prayer and introductions

Treasury—Ashok

Records show we have \$180 though Ashok is still in the process tallying the cash. Currently we accept cash or checks made out to Los Angeles ACA Intergroup. Ashok received \$63.50 cash from literature sales from Libby and Patriciaa. The Camp de Benneville Pines Retreat paid \$40 to share website costs so it can have a page on the website. A meeting paid \$88. Another meeting has committed to send a payment of \$390.

Ashok and Rose did not have time to research Paypal or Venmo. Paypal is attractive because ACA WSO accepts Paypal; also it creates detailed monthly reports which we could post. Patriciaa agreed to do this, and if it does not incur costs or require someone's personal information, to set up a Paypal account by the February meeting (approved by all) She will talk to Ashok about this. Until an account is set up, Ashok will keep the cash. (approved by all). Rose wants ACA to use Venmo also.

Suggestion that it might be useful to keep a small cash reserve in addition to an account to pay for small items.

Reminder from Guy that an \$80 site hosting fee will be due in March.

Intergroup storage

Guy and Ashok installed a padlock and hasp on ACA's new file cabinet drawer in the Tranquility Room. Guy was refunded \$13.50 for padlock and hasp at the February meeting.

ACA Announcements:

All members encouraged to spread the word about the following:

“Becoming Your Own Loving Parent” workshop Feb. 17 at MWA club in Signal Hill

Los Angeles Intergroup and its website, SoCalACA.org, seeks volunteers

WSO - Seeks applicants for part time job and volunteers.

WSO - World Convention Toronto - end of April—please register

Spring Mountain Retreat – Camp de Benneville Pines – end of April—please register

See SoCalACA.org for links to all of the above.

Literature

Patriciaa was voted in as Literature rep (all approved.) Discussion on how much to sell books for; no consensus reached; postponed to February. In 2017, the Intergroup sold Red Books for \$14 and Yellow Books for \$9. Discussion as to whether to raise or lower the prices.

Sponsorship

Discussion on whether to shelve the Co-Sponsorship Network. Patriciaa had talked to Ed and found out it requires a time commitment. Discussion as to whether to post volunteer sponsors on website; whether to create the position of Sponsorship Liaison (Rose is interested) No consensus reached; postponed to March.

Regional

Guy is currently the Regional rep and engaged with helping with its website. This position will be available for others to participate as well if there is interest.

World Service Rep

Patricia stepped down as World Service rep. Discussion as to whether Ed or Esau would represent the Intergroup at the world convention.

Website (socialaca.org)

Guy reports that the website has had 2,098 views and 890 unique visitors in January. He met with Camp De Benneville Pines Retreat which agreed to pay \$40/year to have a presence on the website. Guy has added encryption which should make it more comfortable for meetings to make donations on the site.

Outreach

Guy asked for \$10 to print 400 copies of 1/4-page flier he has been using. Funds were approved by all and given to Patricia, who can get them printed more cheaply (5 cents/page). Guy and Stephen will try to coordinate with Patricia to help cut and organized flyers.

Guy distributed info on the Arizona ACA Intergroup description and suggested we use it. This will be distributed by email and voted on in March.

Rose said she wanted to improve the flyer but hasn't had time to do so yet. She said she would try to do so by March meeting—at that time more flyers will be printed.

In January, Rose had suggested a social media presence such as Facebook. Intergroup members wondered whether that was promotion, and would it protect privacy? Rose to research this and report back. Rose raised question again. Crystal suggested creating a closed FaceBook group which could function like an ongoing meeting. No consensus reached, postponed to March, 2018.

Rose suggested that ACA start a newsletter to help explain what an Adult Child is.

Intergroup meeting time

8 pm is late for many, but no better time could be found. The group decided to keep the 8 pm time but be disciplined about time and end by 9 pm. Crystal agreed to create and distribute a timed agenda to keep the meeting on track. Guy suggested all Reports be written and emailed in advance.

Closed with Serenity Prayer.

Items for March meeting:

- Treasury report
- Website report
- ACA Announcements/ WSO Report

Old Business:

- Discuss what literature to buy and what discount to offer meetings.
- Discuss Paypal, Venmo and bank account possibilities.
- Social media presence
- Business cards for Intergroup members

New Business:

- Should the Intergroup copy Arizona ACA's page on describing an Intergroup?
- Should Intergroup keep a cash reserve?
- How can the Intergroup be financially transparent?
- Discuss Co-sponsorship Network and who may want to continue managing it. Should ACA post volunteer sponsors on website? Would Rose like to be a Sponsorship liaison?
- Intergroup newsletter

NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING TO BE HELD SUNDAY MARCH 4, 2018